

Application No. 09/926,609

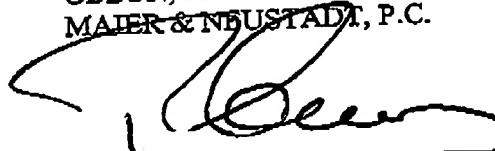
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REMARKS

Applicants' antifrosting adsorbent layer as now claimed is clearly free of inorganic particulates. This amendatory language unquestionably distinguishes the pending claims from Scholz by excluding the inorganic metal particles in Scholz that create voids by packing together. In fact, in Scholz, the polymer component of the disclosed coatings is, in essence, an afterthought, and is described as an optional "binder" for the critical inorganic metal oxide particles.¹

For these reasons, and in view of the arguments presented in the last amendment and at the interview, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, and the passage of this case to Issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ See, e.g., col. 19, line 57 ff: "The coating composition may optionally contain a polymeric binder to improve scratch resistance and/or adhesion of the coating composition to the substrate."